

Health and Human Services Agency
Health Services Advisory Board (HSAB)
October 6, 2020, *3PM–5 PM* Virtual Meeting on Microsoft Teams, San Diego, CA

Public Health Officer's Report

I. Communicable Disease Issues

A. Infectious Disease Issues

1. Influenza

- During the 2019/2020 influenza season, which is defined locally between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020, there were **20,711** reported lab confirmed Influenza cases. **During this same time, there have been 108 deaths and 62 confirmed influenza outbreaks.**
- **Planning of the 2020/2020 Influenza season is underway, and a virtual Annual Kick the Flu Summit is planned for September 30.**
- **For this 2020/2021 flu season to date, there have been 5 lab confirmed flu cases reported.**

2. Measles

- For calendar year 2020 to date, there have been no reported confirmed measles cases.

3. Mumps

- Mumps continues to circulate within San Diego County
- In 2020 so far, there have been 36 cases of mumps identified in San Diego County. This compares to 33 for the same period last year.
- An outbreak of mumps was identified among students at San Diego State University (SDSU). As of 2/26/2020, four confirmed cases and 2 probable cases of mumps have been identified. On 2/26/2020, a San Diego CAHAN alert was issued about this situation.
- In 2019, a total of 66 San Diego County residents were reported with confirmed or probable mumps, the greatest number in over 25 years. Cases ranged in age from 9 months to 79 years (median 28 years) and 40 (61%) were male. Of the 6 cases in 2019, 8 have been associated with an outbreak at the Otay Mesa detention facility.
- From January 1 to December 6, 2019, there have been 3,252 mumps infections reported to the CDC.
- There were 229 cases reported in California in 2019.

4. 2019 Novel Coronavirus

- The County of San Diego has developed a 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Emerging Disease Response Plan (Plan) to address the County of San Diego's response to the current potential of a COVID-19 case or outbreak within San Diego County.
- A local health emergency was proclaimed and a local emergency was declared on February 14, 2020
- **As of September 29, 2020:**
 - **The current number of COVID-19 cases in the U.S. is over 7,129,313 and 204,598 deaths**
 - **California Cases**
 - **The current number of cases in CA is now 807,425 cases and 15,640 deaths.**
 - **San Diego Cases**
 - **San Diego County residents – 46,985 with 781 deaths**
 - See the [COVID-19 Watch](#) latest publication on Sept 29, 2020 (also attached).

II. Board Actions

- A. Hepatitis C Elimination Initiative: November 20, 2018. BOS approved the initiative with authority to return in November 19, 2019 with nine recommendations. A presentation to the HSAB took place on November 5, 2019.
- B. Tuberculosis Elimination Initiative: July 23, 2019. BOS approved the initiative, with authority for TB Control to return to the BOS with recommendations in 12 months. The Planning Committee is in place and meeting. The Medical Advisory Meeting is on January 16, 2020.
- C. BHS and PHS Opioid Response Plan: July 23, 2019. BHS strategic plan approved. BOS authorized quarterly updates and an annual report.
- D. **ADD SmokeFree Outdoor Dining Resolution in February 2020.**
- E. **On September 15, 2020, the BOS approved the receipt of \$20 million in funding for an Epidemiology & Lab Capacity (ELC) grant from CDC through CDPH. This is a two-year grant with a focus on enhancing communicable disease detection, surveillance, and diseases control.**

III. Public Health Issues

- A. The following Health Observances are throughout the month of October:
 - Domestic Violence Awareness Month
 - Health Literacy Month
 - National Bullying Prevention Month
 - Binational Health Week and Month
 - Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Awareness Month
 - National Physical Therapy Month
- B. National Latino AIDS Awareness Day and Global Handwashing Day are both on October 15th.
- C. National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week takes place in the last week of October.

IV. Grants

A. New Applications

1. **CDC Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) Grant Supplemental Funding:**
 - a. HHSa submitted a grant application for supplemental funding to support flu vaccination coverage for racial and ethnic groups experiencing disparities in vaccination rates on August 28, 2020.
 - b. **Notice of award was received on 9/18/20.**
 - c. **Funded at the full level requested: \$198,001.**
 - d. **The project will begin September 30, 2020 and run through September 29, 2021 and will involve a collaborative effort between EISB, Office of Strategy and Innovation, and MCFHS/CDHE.**
 - e. **One media contract with Brown Communications will be established through an existing County-wide service contract – funded at approximately \$140,000 and estimated to begin November 15, 2020.**
2. **California Department of Justice “Tobacco Grant Program 2020-2021”:**
 - a. HHSa submitted a grant for the California Department of Justice Grant Program on August 7, 2020.
 - i. This funding would support Tobacco Retail Licensing Program enforcement efforts.
 - ii. It would also help the Program deliver a focused digital media campaign to increase knowledge about the dangers of youth tobacco use.
 - b. If funded, award notification will be in November 2020.
 - i. If successful, the project will begin on or about January 1, 2021 (per the Department of Justice’s Request for Proposal). HHSa applied for 36 months of funding (January 2021 to December 2023).
 - ii. The funding amount requested was \$754,063.00 for 36 months.
 - iii. The funding amount requested per FY is: FY 2020-21 (\$65,143), FY 2021-22 (\$281,599), FY 2022-23 (\$284,842), and FY 2023-24 (\$122,479).
 - iv. This is a competitive grant application.
3. **Kresge Emerging Leaders in Public Health Grant:**
 - a. Due to a shift of priorities towards the COVID-19 response, the County of San Diego PHS requested an extension to the grant period. The Kresge Foundation approved this extension request and moved the grant end date to November 30, 2020.
 - b. The last of the two Kresge city meetings are tentatively scheduled for the summer of 2020 (City of Solana Beach and the City of Coronado).
 - c. Drs. Wooten and Hernandez had a virtual meet and greet with the new Public Health POC and team at

the City of San Diego to brief them on the Kresge Initiative.

- d. Achieved Kresge Goal #2: “Establish a bi-directional communication system for routine and urgent communications with city municipalities.”
 - Using the SharePoint platform, launched the City County Communications site on August 14, 2020.
 - Met with the City Managers on August 12, 2020 to present a demo of the new City County Communications site.

B. Funding

1. Local Oral Health Program (LOHP):

- **The LOHP contractors have moved to a virtual format and continue to provide services to the community. This fiscal year:**
 - o **The American Academy of Pediatrics trained 10 pediatric providers virtually, although some providers have stopped placing fluoride varnish during COVID-19.**
 - o **Rady’s Anderson Center for Oral Health provided virtual trainings to 6 dental providers and those providers are implementing enhanced oral health activities. Dental offices are seeing patients at a reduced capacity due to COVID-19**
 - o **County staff and the UCSD contract Share the Care have engaged Home Visiting partners to support the families they serve. Virtual trainings for 6 Home Visiting staff took place.**
- **Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment data was significantly impacted by school closures. While limited, the 19/20 school year data is under review.**
- **County staff will present to the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD) in October on Social Determinants of Oral Health.**

2. Tobacco Control Resource Program (TCRP):

- A Board Letter and recommendations for ordinances banning flavored smoking products, establishing one-year moratorium on electronic smoking devices, and prohibiting smoking in outdoor dining areas were approved on 1/14/20 (1st reading) and 1/28/20 (2nd reading).
- A Board Letter and recommendations for a Tobacco Retail Licensing program will be returned on 4/7/20, along with an amendment to the flavored smoking product ban to include smokeless tobacco products and a hookah exemption review. Due to COVID-19, the **tentative** Board Letter date is rescheduled to **10/13/20** (1st reading) **and 10/27/20 (2nd reading).**
- On direction of the Board, TCRP staff are coordinating with HHS and County communications to promote a vaping public awareness campaign.
- Contract amendments with three TCRP regional contractors (Vista Community Clinic, CASA, and SAY San Diego) will fund data collection for the Young Adult Tobacco Purchase Survey in the unincorporated area. The survey was completed in February 2020 and a report is under development.
- A single source contract with the University of California, San Diego will fund expanded data collection for the California School Tobacco Survey in 2019-20. The contract was executed on 4/15/20.
- The TCRP media contractor, Civilian, will implement a targeted public awareness campaign June-September 2020. The purpose of the campaign is to promote tobacco-free priorities, including reducing exposure to secondhand smoke in outdoor dining areas and limiting youth and young adult smoking initiation through tobacco retailer licensure. The campaign will focus on Port of San Diego, Poway, San Marcos, Santee, and the unincorporated area of San Diego County.
- On 7/17/20, the CDPH California Tobacco Control Program announced a 6-month extension of the 2017-2021 Local Lead Agency (LLA) Plans originally scheduled to end on 6/30/21. The extension is for the period 7/1/21-12/31/21. The extension acknowledges concerns from local programs regarding COVID-19 and ensures adequate time to complete the Communities of Excellence (CX) needs assessment with full community member participation that will inform the development of a comprehensive tobacco control plan for the next funding period. TCRP will submit the 6-month extension SOW and budget plan during the LLA Open Revision Period which occurs 9/1/20-10/31/20.

3. EISB Funding:

- On Tuesday, July 21, 2020, the County was notified by CDPH of a nearly \$900,000 additional funding amount to support enhanced flu and COVID-19 immunization efforts.
- On August 12, the County was notified by CDPH of \$20,000,000 funding through the CDC Epidemiology & Laboratory Capacity (ELC) grant funding. These are for this current and next fiscal years. **On September 15, 2020, the Board of Supervisors approved the receipt of this funding to support enhanced surveillance, investigation, response, prevention and partner coordination/engagement efforts.**

4. STD Funding:

- The CDPH STD Control Branch (STDCB) received a \$5 million one-time increase in funding spendable in FY16-17, FY17-18, and FY18-19. HSHB received \$427,649 of that amount.
- San Diego received notice of funding award for STD services in the amount of \$1,045,125 for the period of July 1, 2019-July 30, 2024. This represents an annual decrease of \$228,024 per year. CDPH has directed most of the funding to health jurisdictions experiencing high rates of congenital syphilis and syphilis among women of childbearing age.
- HSHB is receiving \$1,618,445 (revised and reflects an additional \$573,320) in STD funding from CDPH for the time period 7/1/2019-6/30/2024 for sexually transmitted disease prevention and control activities. BOS authorized acceptance of these funds on 12/10/2019.
- HSHB is receiving \$775,254 in STD funding from CDPH State Local Assistance Funds for the time period of 7/1/2019 – 6/30/2022 for STD prevention and control activities. Fifty percent of the funding will be contracted out to local community providers.

5. CalFresh Healthy Living (Formerly known as NEOP or Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention, through the SNAP-ED Program):

- Single Source contract for Champion Childcare Provider Program with the YMCA of San Diego County effective date: 10/21/19.
 - Funded at \$100,000 annually through 9/30/22.
- Contract 9320 Healthy Food Access Services with the University of California, San Diego, Center for Community Health effective date: 12/31/19.
- Funded at \$500,000 annually through 9/30/22.
- Single Source contract for Physical Activity and Nutrition Education with San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) effective date: 8/7/20.
 - Funded at \$200,000 annually through 9/30/22.
- Contract 562520 for Healthy Cities, Healthy Residents--Safe Routes to Healthy Places with Vista Community Clinic effective date: 7/8/20.
 - Funded at \$88,000 annually through 9/30/22.
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 - Funded at \$88,000 annually through 9/30/22.
- Contract 563031 for Active Living Planning and Policy Services for City of Vista Project with Alta Planning + Design Inc. effective date: 8/6/20.
 - Funded at \$148,368 for initial term and \$99,800 annually through 9/30/22

6. Perinatal Equity Initiative:

- Mental Health America of San Diego was selected as the contractor for the PEI Fatherhood Parenting Program. Services for African-American fathers will begin in August 2020.
- To commemorate Black Breastfeeding week, MCFHS in collaboration with the San Diego County Breastfeeding Coalition hosted a free screening of the documentary film, Chocolate Milk, which promotes breastfeeding in the African-American community, on August 26th.
- The next PEI Community Advisory Board meeting will be held on September 11, 2020 via Microsoft Teams.
- The PEI public awareness campaign developed by Civilian is scheduled to kick-off in October 2020. The campaign will educate the community on how systemic racism negatively impacts African-American maternal and infant mortality.
- **The PEI public awareness campaign developed by Civilian went live on September 14, 2020.**

<https://blacklegacynowsd.com/>

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7. **California Home Visiting Program:**
- The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) notified local health jurisdictions of the plans for CHVP expansion funding on November 4, 2019. San Diego County is expected to receive \$703,718 in FY 2019-20 to expand current home visiting services utilizing an evidenced-based home visiting model. In addition, CDPH set aside \$5 million dollars, available to counties through a competitive process, for innovative evidence-informed home visiting programs.
 - MCFHS received a Notice of Intent for Award Home Visiting State General Fund Expansion Funds from CDPH on January 21, 2020. San Diego County will receive \$703,718 annually for four years beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023 to expand current home visiting services utilizing Nurse-Family Partnership home visiting model. The Board Letter to accept these funds is slated for April 7, 2020.
 - BOS accepted these funds on April 7, 2020. MCFHS is working with First 5 San Diego to expand current home visiting services utilizing Healthy Families America home visiting model.
8. On May 13, 2020, PHS EISB was awarded \$126,000 in grant funds to support specialized respiratory surveillance in sentinel sites. This would allow for sentinel surveillance of COVID-19, Flu, RSV, Parainfluenza virus.
9. **San Diego Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (SD REACH):**
- 2-1-1 Scope of Work was added to Eligibility Operations' 2-1-1 contract that was executed 7/1/19. SOW focus is to develop a bi-direction referral system between community-based lifestyle change programs and Federally Qualified Health Centers operating in the Central and Southeastern areas in the City of San Diego.
 - 2-1-1 REACH Scope of Work is through 9/30/23.
 - Contract amendment for REACH project year 1 executed with Circulate San Diego (existing CalFresh contractor) to develop plans for Active Transportation planning to be led by the City of San Diego through the end of the 5-year CDC grant (Sept. 31, 2023).
 - Short-term contract executed through 9/30/19 for REACH project year 1 with Cook & Schmidt to develop targeted public awareness media campaign for the Central and Southeastern areas in the City of San Diego focused on promoting breastfeeding and shopping at Farmers Markets.
 - Contract 563034 for Active Transportation Project with Circulate San Diego -year RFQ for Active Transportation services effective date 8/7/20.
 - Funded at \$120,000 for initial term and \$60,000 annually through 8/31/23.

V. Public Health Initiatives

A. Major Initiative Updates and Highlights

1. Getting to Zero

- Dr. Tilghman continues to try to engage HASDIC to get on an upcoming meeting agenda. The Medical Advisory Committee members also have requested a "champion" for routine HIV testing in the Board of Supervisors. The next meeting is not currently scheduled due to COVID-19.
- The HIV, STD and Hepatitis Branch collaborated with UCSD to host a summit on 2/29/2020 to address the federal End the HIV Epidemic initiative. There were over 100 participants. Speakers included Supervisor Nathan Fletcher and Health and Human Services representative Harold Phillips.
- **The HIV, STD and Hepatitis Branch has been awarded \$9,693,670 in Ending the HIV Epidemic funding for HIV prevention for the time period 8/1/2020-7/31/2025. This complements the \$5,000,000 awarded earlier this year for Ending the HIV Epidemic funding for HIV care and treatment for 3/1/2020-2/28/2025.**

2. Hepatitis C Initiative – Approved by the Board of Supervisors in November of 2018.

- The initiative is on track and continues to be a collective impact approach with American Liver Foundation providing a coordination role along with the participation and leadership of multiple other stakeholders.
- Meetings for all committees have initiated and on track (Steering; Research and Surveillance; Access, Testing, and Treatment; and Consumer).
- First Advisory Committee Meeting was held on April 30, 2019 at the San Diego County Medical Society. Paul

- Hegy and Dr. Wooten co-chaired the meeting. Next meetings are planned for 8/26/19 and 10/15/19.
- The Hepatitis C Elimination initiative is close to finalizing the action plan for how to eliminate HCV in San Diego County after the completion of an extensive community engagement process. The HCV Elimination initiative will now be heard by the Board of Supervisors March 10.
- HSHB was notified on October 9, 2019 of HCV State Local Assistance Funding in the amount of \$237,970/year that will be given to San Diego for five years starting July 1, 2019 (retroactive). Fifty percent of the funding must be contracted out to community-based organizations. This funding will go to the Epidemiology and Immunizations Services Branch.
- The Board of Supervisors approved acceptance of HCV funds on December 10, 2019.

VI. Board Letter Forecast

July 2020			
34. Provide COVID-19 Update	7/7/20	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
August 2020			
35. Provide COVID-19 Update	8/4/20	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
September 2020			
36. Provide COVID-19 Update with Acceptance of CDC Epidemiology Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Enhancing Detection Funding	9/15/20	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
37. Authorize Mutual Aid Agreement Regions I, VI	9/15/20	PHPR	Rob Sills
38. Accept Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) Supplemental Funding	9/29/20	MCFHS	Adrienne Yancey
39. Provide COVID-19 Update	9/29/20	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
October 2020			
40. Provide COVID-19 Update	10/13/20	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
41. Present Tobacco Retailers License Program Recommendations: 1 st Reading	10/13/20	MCFHS	Adrienne Yancey/ Alison Sipler
42. Provide COVID-19 Update	10/27/20	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
43. Present Tobacco Retailers License Program Recommendations: 2 nd Reading	10/27/20	MCFHS	Adrienne Yancey/ Alison Sipler
44. Accept CDPH Ending the HIV Epidemic Funding	10/27/20	HSHB	Patrick Loose/ L. Brookshire
November 2020			
45. Provide COVID-19 Update	11/17/20	ADMIN	Dr. Wooten
46. Present Tuberculosis Elimination Initiative Recommendations	11/17/20	TBRHB	Dr. Kadakia
February 2021			
47. Contract Authority for Netsmart	2/4/21	ADMIN	Karen Ventimiglia

VII. Announcements

A. Personnel

1. New Hires:

- **As of 9/30/2020, there are 470 staff working as COVID-19 case investigators, 36 outbreak investigators and 330 persons working as contact tracers. Many of these have been new hires within the last 30 days.**
- **Community Health Promotion Specialist II position filled by Lauren Barker for the Tobacco Control Resource Program; start date 10/23/20.**

VIII. Site Visits/Audits

Timeframe	Description	Auditor
Visit: 8/13/19 Report: TBD	CalFresh Healthy Living Program audit for FY 18-19 as part of County’s single audit	MGO (County external auditor)
Visit: TBD Report: TBD	CDC Cooperative Agreement Annual Site Visit	CDC
Visit: February 2020 (TBD) Report: TBD	CDC Select Agent Program Inspection and Certificate renewal site visit	CDC Lab
Visit: March 9-13, 2020 Report: TBD	Health Resources and Services Administration site visit for Ryan White Part A to cover programmatic and fiscal review. Postponed until further notice due to COVID-19.	Health Resources and Services Administration
Visit: March 2020 Report: TBD	Management Evaluation of the CalFresh Health Living Program, inclusive of partnering local implementing agencies: Aging and Independent Services and Catholic Charities of San Diego	California Dept of Social Services

IX. Recognitions and Awards

- A. On Thursday, September 24, 2020, The San Diego Foundation, in collaboration with Alliance Healthcare Foundation, The David C. Copley Foundation and San Diego Gas & Electric, recognized Dr. Wooten with the Dr. Wilma Wooten Courage Scholarship. The scholarship supports the education pillar of the Black Community Investment Fund and will provide scholarships to San Diegans who are pursuing a degree in health sciences and come from communities underrepresented in higher education, especially students who are the first in their families to attend college.**
- B. HSHB received an unexpected award on April 10, 2020 from HRSA for COVID-19 response to support Ryan White patients:**
- The title of the award is “Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part A COVID-19 Response.”
 - The amount of funding is \$543,390.
 - The funding would support COVID-19 testing, treatment, and other needs experienced by persons living with HIV who have been impacted by COVID-19.

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